Promotion of SSI Sector in Gujarat

*113. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing Integrated Infrastructural Development Scheme (IIDS) for the development of small scale industries in rural and backward areas in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have assessed the progress made by IIDS in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what other measures are being undertaken by Government to promote SSI sector in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On the request of the Government of Gujarat, two Integrated Infrastructural Development (IID) Centres were sanctioned by Government of India, one at Village Miyani in District Junagarh on 25.3.1994 and the second at Village Radhanpur in District Banaskantha on 30.3.1998.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Gujarat Growth Centres Development Corporation, the implementing agency for the IID Centre at Miyani, was released an advance of Rs. 92.5 lakhs towards the grant payable by Government of India in March, 1995, on completion of necessary formalities. Subsequently, the implementing agency, however, informed that as there were problems of availability of water at the site, a relocation of the Centre has become necessary. The revised proposal is yet to be received.

The Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation, the implementing agency for this second IID Centre in District Banaskantha, is in the process of raising funds for this project. Central grant would be released immediately on completion of requisite formalities.

(e) The Programmes/Schemes of the Ministry to promote the SSI Sector are common throughout the country including Bihar, and are implemented through organizations like Small Industries Development Organization, National Small Industries Corporation and Small Industries Development Bank of India. These include Schemes for Technology Upgradation, Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana for the educated unemployed youth, Rural Employment Generation Programme and development of rural clusters through the National Programme for Rural Industrialisation.

Social work undertaken in Chitrakoot, U.P.

*114. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether social work and programmes undertaken in Chitrakoot (U.P.) were praised by the Home Minister during his recent visit to that place;

(b) whether Prime Minister would consider sending a team of high bureaucrats and specialists on health, education and unemployment from different Ministries in order to study the problems and achievements by interactions;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) It is true that the Home Minister had visited Chitrakoot and after viewing the programmes being undertaken at Chitrakoot, the Home Minister did comment on the good work being undertaken there.

(b) Planning Commission will be sending the requisite team